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Dr Thilo von Bodungen focuses on national and international trade and distribution law and the drafting and negotiating of agreements for the operational business. His main industry focus is on industrials as well as on consumer goods and retail.

He advises companies on all stages of the value chain, from procurement and manufacturing to sales and distribution. His experience covers agreements for the purchase and sale, international contract and trade law, distribution law (distributor, commercial agent and franchising), standard agreements, transport and logistics, leasing, co-operation, joint venture and toll manufacturing agreements, service and maintenance agreements, outsourcing as well as product safety and product liability.

Thilo heads jointly with Stefan Engels the German Intellectual Property & Technology group of DLA Piper and he is Global Co-Chair of the Commercial Contracts Group.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- German

- Commercial Contracts
- International Corporate Reorganizations
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Industrials
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport
- Technology

English German

- Advising BASF on the planned acquisition of the integrated global Polyamides business of Solvay, in particular on the negotiation of various supply and toll manufacturing agreements
- Advising Domino's Pizza on the acquisition of Joey's Pizza as well as on the acquisition of Hallo Pizza, in particular on the franchise law aspects
- Advising Nintendo on all kinds of commercial law matters, including distribution, logistics and procurement agreements
- Advising various international fashion and consumer goods companies on distribution, agency and franchising agreements, logistics agreements as well as on web-shops

- Advising various automotive suppliers and OEMs on supply agreements, distribution systems as well as on warranty and liability matters

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with the Rechtsanwaltskammer Munich

Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper in 2011 Thilo worked for another international law firm.

Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2021/2022*: Frequently recommended for distribution/trade/logistics: distribution systems; “very competent, fast and comprehensive support”, “explains excellently”, “deep economic understanding”, “top sparring partner, thinks outside the box”, “absolute strategist with new perspectives”, clients
- *Legal 500 Germany 2022*: Recommended for commercial and distribution law; “Thilo von Bodungen is an experienced partner who is very attentive and solution-oriented.”
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2022*: Recommended for commercial contracts; “He is very knowledgeable and accommodating as he is looking for compromises in finding solutions that work for all parties. Yet he is firm on certain points.”, client
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2022*: Recommended for technology law
- *Kanzleimonitor 2020/2021*: Recommended for contract and public law
- *JUVE Award 2016/2017*: Law firm of the year for trade, distribution and logistics

Education

- Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, First State Examination, 2001, and Ph.D., 2005
- New York University, LL.M., 2004
- Higher Regional Court of Munich, Second State Exam, 2003
- Humboldt-University Berlin, 1999
- University of Regensburg, 1998

Memberships

- German-American Lawyers Association (DAJV)
- German Association for Distribution Law (DGRV)

INSIGHTS

Thilo regularly publishes articles in law magazines.

Publications

Compare contract law around the world with our **Global Contract Laws Guide**

1 June 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the launch of our updated Global Contract Laws guide.

The guide has been updated to reflect the changes in legislation in over 45 countries and in response to significant geopolitical events

such as Brexit.

- Von Bodungen: Betriebs-Berater, *EuGH: Ausgleichszahlung des Handelsvertreters für die Werbung neuer Kunden*, EuGH, Court Decision from 7/4/2016 – C-315/14, Marchon Germany GmbH against Yvonne Karaszkiwicz, ECLI:EU:C:2016:211
- Von Bodungen: Magazin food-service, Interview about: "*Fair Franchising: Recourse to legal action is not excluded*", Edition of 6/9/2016

Events

- International Commercial Contracts Webinar Programme 2017: International Joint Ventures - Key Commercial Contracts & Considerations in Joint Ventures, 29 March 2017
- Breakfast@DLA Piper: "Absatz ohne Abseits Gestaltung internationaler Vertriebssysteme aus vertrags- und steuerrechtlicher Sicht", 20 July 2016

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Storskogen on the acquisition of a majority stake in Dimabay

30 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised Storskogen on the acquisition of a majority stake in Dimabay GmbH (Dimabay), a performance-based advertising agency based in Germany that is active in 15 European countries.

DLA Piper advises HARMAN on the acquisition of Mixed Reality Pioneer Apostera

23 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised HARMAN International, the leading supplier of connected technologies for automotive, consumer and enterprise markets, on the acquisition of Apostera, a Germany-based automotive technology company. Apostera's employees will join HARMAN as part of the company's Automotive division.

DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on joint acquisition of German IT consulting company gbs together with ApoBank

15 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, on signing an agreement with Atruvia AG to acquire IT consulting company gbs – Gesellschaft für Bankssysteme GmbH (gbs) together with Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank eG (ApoBank), the largest cooperative primary bank in Germany.

DLA Piper advises Trajan on acquisition of Axel Semrau

8 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Australian medical device and analytics provider Trajan Scientific and Medical (Trajan) on the acquisition of Axel Semrau GmbH & Co KG (Axel Semrau) based in Sprockhövel, Germany, expanding Trajan's capabilities in the automation, chromatography, and software business.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on expansion of its subscription business in collaboration with Munich Re

8 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) by entering into a strategic partnership with the Munich Re insurance group to further increase the volume of business with its digital usage-based subscription model.

DLA Piper advises Heliad Equity Partners on participation in EUR20m financing round of MODIFI

20 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heliad Equity Partners GmbH & Co. KGaA as lead investor on its participation in MODIFI's EUR20 million Series B financing round. Heliad Equity Partners is investing a single-digit million amount as part of the financing round. Other investors who participated significantly in the round include Neva, the venture capital arm of Italy's banking group Intesa San Paolo, and existing investors including Global Founders Capital, Maersk Growth and Picus Capital.

DLA Piper advises Montana Aerospace on acquisition of ASCO Industries

10 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Montana Aerospace AG, a manufacturer of complex lightweight components and structures for the aerospace industry listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, and its operating subsidiaries on the acquisition of ASCO Industries.

DLA Piper advises Storskogen on first acquisition in Germany

8 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Storskogen Deutschland GmbH on the acquisition of a majority stake in Roleff GmbH & Co. KG, a company specialised in industrial maintenance services, mechanical steel processing and automation solutions, as part of a succession plan.

DLA Piper advises Knorr-Bremse on the acquisition of EVAC Group

3 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader for braking systems and other rail and commercial vehicles systems, on the acquisition of EVAC Group.

DLA Piper advises Siemens AG on the acquisition of OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital

26 April 2021

DLA Piper advises Siemens Digital Industries Software on the planned acquisition of the OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital. OneSpin Solutions is a leading provider of formal verification software that helps ensure integrated circuit (IC) integrity and enables functionally correct, safe, trustworthy and secure IC designs.

DLA Piper advises SevenVentures on investment in Sanity Group

30 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised SevenVentures on its media-for-equity investment in Berlin-based start-up Sanity Group. The investment sum is in the single-digit million range.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of its Belgian production site for printing chemicals to DC DruckChemie GmbH

14 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the sale of its Belgian production site for printing chemicals to DC DruckChemie GmbH (DC Druck-Chemie), a subsidiary of Langley Holdings PL, UK, as part of its planned focusing on core activities and portfolio adjustments.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on formation of production joint venture with Masterwork

8 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the formation of a production joint venture with its long-standing partner and strategic anchor shareholder Masterwork Group Co. ("Masterwork"). With this joint venture, Heidelberg aims to further strengthen its leading competitive position in the growth market of China.
